

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, November 6, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the University.

PRESENT:

Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair  
Ms. Jeannie French, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor  
Mr. Alick Andrews  
Ms. Gail Aylward  
Mr. Cyril Bonia  
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell  
Ms. Trudi Brake  
Mr. William Dilny  
Mr. Fred Durant  
Mr. Peter Fenwick  
Dr. Georgina Hedges  
Ms. Nancy Kelly  
Dr. Brendan Lewis  
Mr. George Neal  
Ms. Frankie O'Neill  
Mr. Brendan Paddick  
Ms. Joan Pinsent  
Mr. David Power  
Mr. Stephen Power  
Mr. Alexander Roche  
Mr. Harvey Short  
Mr. Robert Stack  
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: The Honourable John C. Crosbie, Chancellor, Ms. Sharon Duggan, Mr. Mel Woodward and Ms. Amy Wyse.

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Mr. Wayne Thistle, Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and Legal Counsel.

## 1. WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Chair welcomed the newly appointed Board members to their first meeting and conveyed the wish that their tenure on the Board would be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. This was also the Chair's first Board meeting and he outlined his expectations for successful and congenial Board meetings.

## 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents held on Thursday, June 12, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board.

## 3. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Copies of reports of the Executive Committee meetings held on July 11, 1997, August 8, 1997, August 22, 1997 and September 11, 1997, were circulated prior to the meeting and accepted by the Board. The following decisions were taken:

July 11, 1997 meeting:

1. To increase parking fines.
2. To provide the Strawberry Hill Board Committee with the authority to renegotiate the consideration for the University's interest in Strawberry Hill.
3. To implement a differential fee of \$13,500 to cover the cost of the Bachelor of Social Work as a Second Degree Program in P.E.I.
4. To establish work term rates for the Marine Institute.
5. To grant Dr. Jack Clark, C-CORE, an extension of his appointment beyond his normal retirement age.
6. To establish a Memorial Tower Committee.
7. To sell the property at 1 Cobb Lane in Corner Brook.
8. Approval of Appointment Committee items.

August 8, 1997 meeting:

1. Approval of Appointment Committee items.

August 22, 1997 meeting:

1. To accept the terms of the Collective Agreement between MUN and the MI Support Staff.

September 11, 1997 meeting:

1. To appoint Mr. Gerald Duffy and Mr. Alan Howard as members of the Harlow Campus Trust.
2. To appoint Mr. Alastair O'Rielly and re-appoint Mr. Bruce Wareham and Mr. Bern Bromley to the Marine Institute Advisory Board.
3. To delete the Regional Officer and Intermediate Secretary positions in the Division of Continuing Studies and the Student Centre Services Attendant position in the Thomson Student Centre.
4. To ratify the Collective Agreement between CUPE and MUN.
5. To reopen the tentative Collective Agreement between MI support staff and MUN for the purpose of providing this group with the same salary scale and implementation formula granted to CUPE.
6. To grant Professor M. Good, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, an extension of his employment beyond his normal retirement date.
7. To approve the design concept and location of the Aquaculture facility on campus.
8. To construct the Memorial Tower as part of the University Centre project under the direction of the University, the cost to be borne by donations from the Johnson Family Foundation. (The Chair of the Board declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the discussions of the Memorial Tower and the Johnson Family Foundation.)
9. Approval of Appointment Committee items

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

##### 1. CIVIC CENTRE & FIELD HOUSE

At the June 12, 1997 meeting of the Board, a suggestion that there might be an opportunity to expand the construction of the Field House in conjunction with the development of a Civic Centre had been referred to the Campus Planning and Development Committee. Because circumstances surrounding this matter had changed in the interim, it was decided at the Executive Committee meeting held on July 11, 1997 to table the matter for future consideration and exploration of the suggestion. After a brief

discussion it was decided to refer again the question to the Campus Planning and Development Committee for discussion.

## 2. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Concerns were raised regarding the role of the Executive Committee to deal with urgent matters or decisions that are required to be made. After some discussion it was decided that the Board would review the Terms of Reference of the Executive Committee. In this regard, the Secretary was requested to forward background information which led to the establishment of the Executive Committee for discussion at the December meeting of the Board.

## 3. COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

It was decided that in future Board Committees would meet in advance of the Board meeting and not on Board day so that Committee reports/minutes could be forwarded for review along with the agenda papers. With regard to membership to Board committees, members were requested to advise the Secretary of their preferences, so that membership could be assigned before the December meeting of the Board.

## 5. SENATE MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meetings of Senate held on May 13, 1997, September 9, 1997, and October 14, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board. The Senate motion regarding University governance was dealt with later in the meeting.

## 6. FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS

### 1. DELETION OF POSITION

The President presented a submission for the deletion of a position in the Division of University Relations which has been declared redundant and will not be filled. After a short discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval for the deletion of the following position in the Division of University Relations:

PRD-021 – University Promotions Officer

## 2. INCREASE OF C.S.U. FEES FOR DENTAL PLAN

The Vice-President (Administration and Finance) presented a submission from the Dean of Student Affairs and Services requesting authorization to increase the CSU fees due to the implementation of a new Dental Plan for all students registered in excess of two courses with the exception of the campuses at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and Western Memorial Hospital. The following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to an increase in the Council of Students' Union fees for the establishment of a Dental Plan in the amount of \$130 per year, payable over two semesters, for students who are registered in excess of two courses, with the exception of campuses at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and Western Memorial Hospital.

## 3. TUITION ADJUSTMENTS

The Vice-President (Administration and Finance) presented a submission from the Comptroller and the Registrar outlining the background to this matter and after a brief discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval that, effective Fall semester 1997, the tuition fee policy be revised so that there is no adjustment in tuition when courses change (i.e. an add combined with a drop) after the add deadline resulting in the same total credit hours registered.

## 7. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE ITEMS

The Vice-President (Academic) presented the Appointments Committee items and after review and discussion of the report the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents accepts the Appointments Committee items as presented.

## 8. CAMPUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ITEM

### 1. NAMING OPPORTUNITY – CENTRE FOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The President presented the background information on this matter.

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents declares that no property be named on campus without the Board's prior approval after consideration by the Campus Planning and Development Committee.

## 9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Several items of correspondence were circulated for information purposes prior to the meeting. Mr. Stack declared a conflict of interest in the correspondence regarding the Brief on Dr. Clouter's Article and removed himself from the discussion of this item.

## 10. DISMISSAL OF DR. ALAN LAW AS DEAN OF SCIENCE AND SENATE MOTION ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

The President provided the background information concerning the termination of Dr. Alan Law as Dean of Science. The Senate Motion regarding University governance was considered. After a lengthy discussion and a question and answer session on the issue, the Board passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED:

That the Board acknowledges the dismissal of Dr. Alan Law from his administrative position as Dean of the Faculty of Science, and concurs with the decision of the Executive Committee of the Board on July 11, 1997.

RESOLVED:

That the Board requests the President, after consultation within and without the University community, to recommend formal procedures for dismissal or other disciplinary measures with respect to academic administrators, including Vice-Presidents, Deans, and Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.